GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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CARTEL FORMATION BY BIG CEMENT PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the big cement producers have formed a Cartel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the prices of cement in the market;

(c) whether the Monopoly and Restricted Trade Practices Commission has not taken any action to liquidate the above Cartel;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the small and medium cement producers and also the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (e) The MRTP Commission, which is a quasi-judicial body, has received complaints alleging formation of a cartel by cement manufactures. The matter is sub-judice before the Commission.